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## RISE



Baseball clinches a share of the A-Sun title with a win over Mercer.

— SEE SPORTS, A7

Softball falls to FAU 1-0 in the A-Sun tournament championship game.

— SEE SPORTS, A7



## FALL

# Hitt scores \$15,000

HEIDI A. DE VRIES  
Managing Editor

For the new Student Government cabinet, see A4

The Board of Trustees approved a nearly \$15,000 raise for UCF President John Hitt bringing his total yearly paycheck to \$311,220. The raise makes him the fourth highest paid president in the State University System.

The Board of Trustees also voted Thursday to confirm the legislative mandated 7.5 percent tuition increase for resident students and 12.5 percent increase for non-residents. Additionally, the board approved a fee increase package raising the health fee and parking decal fees. The Rosen School of Hospitality Management will be changed to the Rosen College of Hospitality Management and the School of Optics will have its name

changed to the College of Optics and Photonics.

Newly sworn in Student Government Association President Kevin Peters voted in favor of the raise. He explained that, because he had not sat on the Board of Trustees during the past year, he could not accurately answer the evaluation form each member was given in order to ascertain the validity of Hitt's proposed raise. Former SGA President Brian Battles met with Peters to say he would have voted in favor of the motion. "It was a vote pertinent to Brian [Battle]'s term on the Board of Trustees, so he and I conferenced together and decided how I would vote."

Peters defended the vote, "Personally, it's all the things

he's been doing as for the vision for the future," he said. "He's been lobbying, and got our money for growth enrollment. He went to Tallahassee to defend our Master Plan."

Since the \$93,000 increase two years ago which raised Hitt's salary to \$295,000, all state employees have been given a raise of almost 2 percent. The increase approved by the Board of Trustees was another 5 percent bringing Hitt's salary up to \$311,220.

The state budget has a mandated 7.5 percent increase for in-state students and 12.5 percent increase for out-of-state students. "We're not approving anything other than recogniz-

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Former student body President Brian Battles, left, confers with current student body President Kevin Peters at Thursday's SGA Senate meeting.

## UCF faculty have been disappearing

DEVIN DREHER  
Contributing Writer

UCF employees mysteriously disappearing — it sounds like a tagline from a science fiction movie, but in the past few weeks, UCF has had several of its top faculty members eliminated from the roster.

The UCF athletic training program was shaken when its remaining program director, David Cassidy, resigned at the end of the spring semester — leaving no apparent leader for the summer term.

Cassidy's resignation followed the early exit of Co-Program Director Vincent Hudson who left in late 2003. "I loved the program in athletic training and loved working with the students. I will miss that greatly," Cassidy said.

The program will continue under new Director Kristen Schellhase — a veteran with the athletic training program who also possesses a strong teaching and educational background.

"We have been working together for several weeks selecting the next incoming junior class, and the instructors for the summer classes are [already] in place," Cassidy stated. "The students are in very good hands."

The incoming students have been notified via e-mail about the faculty reshuffle, said Kendall Cortelyou, academic services coordinator for the College of Health and Public Affairs. "We wouldn't let a program run without a director," she added.

Speculation also arose regarding Patrick Murphy, who came to UCF in August 2002 and was the English Department chairman. Ibrahim Ahmad, a statistics professor and chair of the Statistics and Actuarial Science Department since 1999, has also recently gotten the axe.

While Murphy appears to have resigned from his position earlier this semester, Ahmad was allegedly escorted off the UCF main campus by security personnel, according to some faculty members.

Kathryn Seidel — dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, which houses the departments for both of the instructors — did not return any of the *Future's* phone calls about the issue.

UCF Human Resources also said they could not release any information as to whether Murphy and Ahmad were still employed by UCF.

# Free yoga helps students to find themselves

MONICA PANAKOS  
Contributing Writer

If becoming one with your body while bending yourself into a pretzel sounds like a good stress reliever to you, then Charles McEvoy would like to see you right away — for yoga class in the Recreation and Wellness Center.

Despite the eastern discipline's mysterious and exclusive-seeming ways, McEvoy is looking to change the way students think about yoga. His hook: Come one, come all.

"Anyone can do yoga, no matter your age or body type," said McEvoy, a yoga instructor at UCF's Recreation and Wellness Center.

The free classes, which will be offered during the summer semester, are already making an impression with some of its first students.

"It's a lifestyle change — instead of letting the stress get to you — you start breathing deeply," said Julia Reeves, a sports and fitness major. "My grades are better. I think it's really important — especially for women to do it."

Originating in India, yoga has been practiced for more than 6,000 years. "Yoga is like peeling an onion, you're peeling it to get to the core of your being," McEvoy said.

Yoga provides benefits for both the beginner and advanced student, including increased concentration, focus, flexibility, strength and balance. It can also improve self-confidence and self-esteem.

"Dancers and gymnasts take to it easily. But even people who don't have experience can get a lot from the class," said McEvoy.

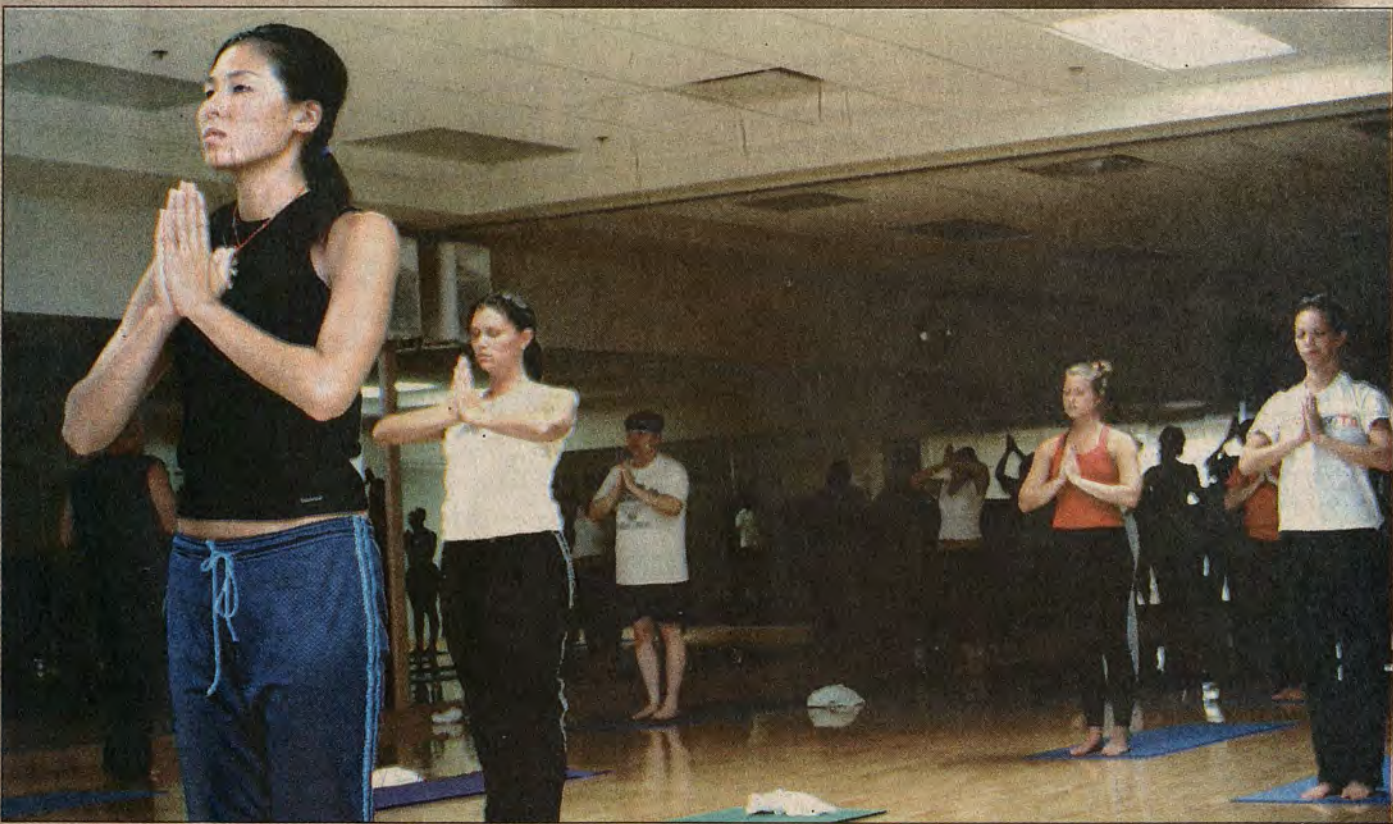
Charles McEvoy began practicing yoga 34 years ago and has studied with an Indian guru at the Sacred Mountain Ashram in Boulder, Colo. He's previously taught at World Gym and RDV Sportsplex, and he's currently teaching at Rollins College and UCF.

While there are many types of yoga, McEvoy teaches hatha yoga, which focuses on posture (asana) and breath control (pranayama). He said that breathing is a terrific way to deal with stress — the deeper one's breathing, the more oxygen you get to your system.

There are two common perception problems with yoga, said McEvoy. Either the person thinks it's purely meditative—people sitting on pillows and humming — or they think it's too rigorous, with complicated pretzel poses. The reality, he said, is that yoga is somewhere in between.

McEvoy said that many people begin taking yoga because they are questioning their lives. "They ask,

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Students in a 50-minute yoga class at the UCF Recreation and Wellness Center stand in a Nameste, or "Prayer" pose, part of a physical and mental exercise program.

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## Budget cuts for the arts leave groups struggling for money

Though most lost funding, some came out with extra cash

MONICA PANAKOS  
Contributing Writer

When the Florida Legislature sliced the state's art budget down from \$28 million to \$6 million because of a weak economy, Florida's art communities staggered, and — while the economy

has recovered — tiny funding levels are leaving groups like the Orlando-UCF Shakespeare Festival struggling to stay afloat.

"All of our bills are going up, however all our state funding is going down," said Mary Ann Dean, executive director of the Orlando-UCF Shakespeare Festival. "Something has to give. We are hoping to not have to cut anything."

Last year the festival was slated to receive \$73,000. Instead, they were given only \$23,000. The \$50,000 cut in funding left

them hurting. This year, it just wants enough money to recover what has vanished.

Jim Helsing, the artistic director for the festival and a UCF theater professor, is concerned how the cuts will affect the events impact on the community.

"The festival gave away over a thousand tickets this year to UCF students, and we have a long term goal of making our Spring Shakespeare production at Lake Eola free for everyone," he said. "When the state cuts our

funding by two-thirds, it pushes our long-term goals to help our community and our students farther into the future."

Even so, the Orlando-UCF Shakespeare Festival is just one of hundreds of casualties from the plunge in state funding. The festival shares an allotted \$150,000 with 23 other art groups from across the state. This year each organization within that group has been promised to receive no less than \$2,500.

In total, there are 730 groups supported by the state's art fund-

ing. Each have been learning to live with less — splitting a much smaller pot.

Three years ago, Florida was second highest in the nation for funding for the arts, behind only New York. Now Florida's ranking is considerably down. This year, art funding received less than .1 percent of the \$58 billion state budget.

Gov. Jeb Bush encouraged the cuts, which gave Florida the second largest drop in state sup-

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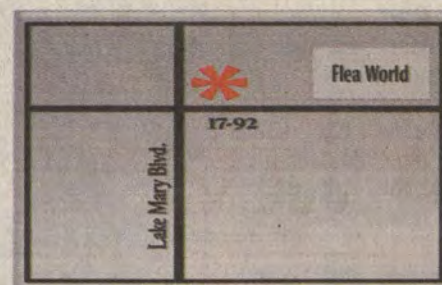
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## Having trouble staying busy this summer?

**GREG GIDDEN**  
Contributing Writer

Looking for something to do to fight summer boredom? If so, Volunteer UCF is looking for some able-bodied men and women to lend a helping hand.

• **Camp Boggy Creek** (Nine week-long sessions June 1 through Aug. 18): Co-founded by General Norman Schwarzkopf and actor Paul Newman in 1996, Boggy Creek is a year-round camping facility for children ages 7 to 16 who have chronic or life-threatening illnesses. Volunteers live on site and help pro-

vide a week of fun for kid campers through a variety of outdoor activities. Volunteer Coordinator Robin Brubaker says volunteers are desperately needed this summer. More information can be found at <http://www.boggycreek.org> or by contacting Brubaker directly at [rbrubaker@boggycreek.org](mailto:rbrubaker@boggycreek.org) or (352) 483-4200 Ex. 293.

• **Ann Young Wild Bird Refuge** (Monday through Sunday 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. through Sept. 7): Volunteers are needed to help rescue, rehabilitate and release injured and orphaned wild birds. The organization asks that volun-

teers stay at least two hours once a week. There is a possibility of earning college credits through this opportunity. For more information or to schedule a time slot, call Ann Young at 407-339-2900. Be sure to leave a return phone number and prospective volunteer times.

• **Family Literacy Program:** Volunteers are needed to help Spanish-speaking parents learn English. Being bilingual is suggested but not required. Contact Florence Carbajal or Izadora Dean at (407) 317-3500 Ex. 5645 for more information.

## Increases in most fees, tuition

FROM A1

ing that the legislature has mandated this," a board member said. Vice President of Administration and Finance William Merck told trustees, "My feeling is that this board needs to approve it..."

"... So we can collect it," Hitt finished the statement. The board decided not to implement an optional 2.5 percent additional raise for out-of-state tuition rates.

Increases in the health fee and parking decals were approved as well, making fall significantly more expensive for UCF students. "Last time we ran into a cap we couldn't get around," Merck said of the health fee increase. He was referencing a problem the board ran into last year. Instead of passing the approved \$0.60 a credit hour increase for the

health fee, the board could only increase the health fee by \$0.18 a credit hour because of Florida statutes which limit the increase of fees to no more than 40 percent of tuition. The increase in the health fee will be used to add onto the health center and to hire more counselors, according to Merck.

"We've been increasing the parking fees by a steady diet of 5 percent," Hitt told the trustees. He said that the increase will be used for additional parking garages and other transportation needs.

In other business, the trustees chose not to consider in-state tuition for out-of-state residents taking web classes. Board members decided empty seats in online classes should be marketed to in-state residents.

### The 2004-2005 Student Body Cabinet

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## Helsinger: Fighting for art is an uphill battle

FROM A1

ported art funding in the nation.

Art representatives feel that state officials don't realize the importance of the arts in the community; thus it's the first thing to go when the budget is cut.

"They don't see us as integral to education and economic development. That's a message we need to do a better job of sending," said Margot Knight, president and CEO of United Arts of Central Florida, Inc., an umbrella organization for the art organizations of Central Florida,

which includes the Shakespeare Festival and the Orlando-UCF Repertory Theatre.

Dean agrees. She said that art translates into money that fuels the economy. "The healthier we are, the healthier the community is."

According to the most recent study by the Florida Cultural Alliance, the arts have added \$2.9 billion to Florida's economy in 2001.

Still, other organizations in the creative industry did quite well in the state budget. The film industry received \$2.45 million from the state funding pot — the

first year that money has been allotted to them. Susan Alberhardt, the state film commissioner, said in an e-mail to supporters, "Every producer around the world will now consider Florida as a location for their next production."

Orlando was ranked fifth by MovieMaker magazine as one of the 2004 top 10 cities for moviemakers.

In any case, there is some good news for Florida's arts. The UCF-affiliated Orlando Repertory Theatre received a 50-percent increase in its funding — helping the organization

rebound from last year's 70-percent plunge.

It will be getting \$500,000 from the Cultural Facilities Funding Capital to finish renovating the Densch Theatre in Loch Haven Park.

United Arts has not been as fortunate, receiving only \$6,000 from state funding this year. Still, Knight is optimistic. "Every little bit helps," she said.

Not everyone is as hopeful.

Said Helsinger: "We appreciate those at the state level who are fighting for the arts and for education, but it's an uphill battle."

## Debate focuses on whether pill causes abortion

FROM A2

of life and abortion. "Scientifically, abortion means dislodging of implanted fertilized egg from the wall of the uterus," said Schaefer. "Plan B prevents the egg from being implanted," she continued. Based on this view, Plan B does not cause an abortion, since it is not effective on implemented fertilized eggs. Abortion drugs, such as RU486, on the other hand, cause the dislodging of the fertilized egg, and thus ending the pregnancy.

Since the May 7 ruling,

some states have started allowing pharmacies to dispense the drugs without a prescription. In addition, women can use Internet sites and hot lines to obtain the pills at the last minute.

Roughly 50 percent of the six million pregnancies occurring in the United States each year are unintentional. This proportion rises to 90 percent for teen pregnancies.

It is estimated that more widespread use of ECPs could prevent 1.7 million unplanned pregnancies and 800,000 abortions annually.

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<b>Make-your-own</b>	Instructions can be found on <a href="http://www.not-2-late.com">http://www.not-2-late.com</a>
<b>Plan ahead</b>	Obtain advanced prescription from your Ob-GYN.

## Athletes should also reap the benefits of yoga

FROM A1

"Who am I? What are we doing here? What is my purpose in life?" McEvoy said. "I think people are attracted to Yoga because it helps them answer those questions."

Yoga's benefits extend beyond just the physical — it also nurtures the soul, according to McEvoy. He added, "There's a spirit within. We get so attached to worldly things that we forget what's in us."

Awareness of that spirit is a crucial part of yoga, McEvoy said. "If you bring awareness to your body, you bring awareness to your mind, and you bring awareness to your spirit. You bring that awareness to all areas of your life."

Nicholas Marshall, one of McEvoy's students who has been practicing yoga for more than two years, has seen awareness impact his own life. "You become more aware of yourself and who you are," he said.

Many students have used videotapes to learn yoga. McEvoy advises against this. He said that when you first begin yoga you should do it with a qualified teacher. Safety is a factor. An instructor can help you if you're doing something wrong.

Julia Reeves, who's been

taking yoga for years, understands the importance of having a good teacher. "Charles is the best instructor that I've had," she said. "He really enables concentration. He's got a following. Some days you come and there's 70 people here."

McEvoy has noticed a trend among young people. "There's a bit of an attitude with guys — they think it's a girl thing," he said.

However, he is glad that

attitude is changing — approximately 60 percent of his students are female and 40 percent are male.

McEvoy encourages athletes to reap the benefits of yoga. "It will improve your game dramatically," he promised. He should know. His roster of athletic yoga students is impressive and includes pro golfer Annika Sorenstam; Robert Porcher, a defensive end for the Detroit Lions; and several UCF football players.

McEvoy was a football player in college himself. He's also taught the Rollins women's golf team, who were national champions last year.

McEvoy couldn't be happier with his teaching position. "I like being there, they like being there. How many people have jobs like that?"

Yoga classes meet six times per. More information is available on the Recreation and Wellness Center's Web site: <http://www.rec.ucf.edu>.



Charles McEvoy, right, a Yoga instructor at the Recreation and Wellness Center, instructs beginner yoga classes four times each week.

## New course gives new height to adventurers

### Wellness Center offers rock climbing

**HELEN MCCORMICK**  
Contributing Writer

Jim Wilkening climbed to the top of a 41-foot-high tower and jumped.

His "assistants" made him do it. They also helped detach Jim from the rope that kept him from actually hitting the ground. Jim was testing a "Challenge Ropes Course" at the University of South Carolina at Spartanburg. His assistants were encouraging him to try this part of the course.

A Challenge Ropes Course is a series of physical and mental challenges that are designed to develop team building, problem-solving skills and personal achievement. Some parts of the course bring people together through cooperation, while others challenge individuals to succeed — while they're four stories above the ground, looking down from suspended cables and log bridges.

When he jumped from the tower, Wilkening was kept from hitting the ground by a literal rope, built into a special course used by corporations for leadership training. It is also used by classes and organizations. Sports clubs have started using them for physical training as well.

Wilkening is the associate director of the Recreation and Wellness Center and was assigned the task of finding the best course to base a design for

a Challenge Ropes Course for UCF. The Spartanburg course is one of several that Jim and his assistants assessed. The result of that research can be seen at UCF today in the woods between the intramural fields and the President's house. The course is in the final stages of completion and should be ready by the fall semester. It is expected the course will quickly be in high demand since it will be the best and only course in Central Florida.

Sharp students won't wait for the course to open before they get in shape.

The Recreation and Wellness Center has an indoor, 41-foot-high rock wall for climbing.

The center also offers group exercise classes throughout the summer, including kick boxing, circuit training and even aqua aerobics, which is offered Monday and Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Check the RWC Web site for a listing, times and registration for the dozens of classes being offered (<http://www.rec.ucf.edu>; once there, click Group Exercises).

The outdoor sand volleyball courts are always available to students who want to hone their team skills, or just have fun with friends. The pool is also open all summer. Also under construction is a resort-style pool on the other side of the Recreation Center, with an estimated opening date of Spring Break 2005. So don't wait. Be sharp, be fit and be ready for "The Course" when it opens in the fall and "The Pool" in the spring.

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Below is a listing of a few of the cheapest shows at the Fringe. Be aware, however, that anyone attending an indoor show must purchase a \$5 Fringe button. This is in addition to the ticket purchase, but only one button is required for the entire festival.

All information is from <http://orlandofringe.com>.

## Masturbation Therapy

**Description:** Everyone masturbates. If they don't, they've got issues. That's why the Goodtimes Clinic guinea-pigged three poor shmucks to participate in a new study that helps people ... uh ... find themselves.

**Genre:** Comedy  
**Venue:** Will's Pub, 1850 N. Mills Avenue  
**Length:** 30 minutes  
**Price:** \$5  
**Rating:** Mature Audiences

**Show dates and times:**  
Friday, May 21 at 10:45 p.m.  
Saturday, May 22 at 1:40 p.m.  
Sunday, May 23 at 11:30 p.m.  
Friday, May 28 at 6 p.m.  
Saturday, May 29 at 11:10 p.m.

## Dying the American Dream

**Description:** Seven monologues, some irreverent, some deeply personal, all entirely original. Support shows that celebrate the spirit of Fringe, not what the *Sentinel* tells you to.

**Genre:** Comedy, drama, performance art  
**Venue:** Will's Pub, 1850 N. Mills Avenue  
**Length:** 45 minutes  
**Price:** \$4 for students  
**Rating:** Mature Audiences

**Show dates and times:**  
Friday, May 21- 7:55 p.m.  
Saturday, May 22- 8:05 p.m.  
Sunday, May 23- 3:55 p.m.  
Monday, May 24 6 p.m.  
Wednesday, May 26- 6:15 p.m.  
Thursday, May 27- 9:35 p.m.  
Saturday, May 29- 4:30 p.m.

## Truths and Other Lies

**Description:** Music, singing and madness, from the group that brought you Mums. A musical dark comedy about dreams, ambition, failure, emotional baggage, desperation . . . and murder. The truth is, you'll die laughing!

**Genre:** Comedy  
**Venue:** Studio D, Orlando UCF Shakespeare Festival, 812 E. Rollins Street  
**Length:** 75 minutes  
**Price:** \$5 for students  
**Rating:** General Audiences

**Show dates and times:**  
Saturday, May 22 at 12:30 p.m.  
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Monday, May 24 at 9:20 p.m.  
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**Description:** From country to rap, from rock 'n' roll to Broadway, John Charles takes you on a wild ride through his magical land of music and comedy!

**Genre:** Comedy  
**Venue:** Studio D, Orlando UCF Shakespeare Festival  
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**Length:** 60 minutes  
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**Venue:** Studio D, Orlando-UCF Shakespeare Festival  
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## Owls creep away with title

### Atlantic Sun title decided in one-run ballgame

MATT DUNAWAY  
Senior Staff Writer

The UCF softball team made the Atlantic Sun Conference championship game for the second-straight season, and again it was FAU that stood in the way of the Knights getting their first NCAA regional appearance.

The Owls won its eighth straight conference tournament on a walk-off walk in the bottom

of the seventh to take the 1-0 victory at FAU Field.

"You couldn't ask for any more heart," Manager Renee Luers-Gillispiie said. "Our girls left everything on the field."

Both teams had the bases loaded early in the game, but could not put a dent on the scoreboard. FAU (54-16) missed a chance in the first while UCF (42-21) had the bases loaded in the third.

"It's tough losing a game like this," center fielder Jania Shinhosier said. "We just didn't cash in on a couple

of opportunities."

In the fifth inning the Owls had another chance to score with two outs, but right fielder Rachelle Schmidt made a catch as she collided with the fence.

"We always put forth the best effort that we have," Schmidt said. "We do balls to the wall, and always perform 100 percent."

Taylor Sawyer threw six-plus innings, but the top of the Owls lineup got back-to-back-to-back hits with one out to load the bases in the seventh.

"Taylor kept them off-balance all day long," Luers-Gillispiie said. "She pitched her

### So long, seniors



Sawyer



Schmidt

Pitcher Taylor Sawyer and right fielder Rachelle Schmidt played in their final games as Knights Saturday. Sawyer joined UCF prior to the 2003 season, while Schmidt played in all three seasons of the program's existence.



ASHLEY BURNS  
Sports Editor

## Music to my ears

### UCF baseball needs a better soundtrack

This month, Blender Magazine and VH-1 released their list of the "50 Most Awesomely Bad Songs ... Ever."

Some of my guiltiest musical pleasures were on this list and it was topped by one of my favorite songs of the 1980s: Starship's "We Built This City."

I toiled for a few minutes after I felt completely offended and degraded, but much like a night at Bottle-caps, I forgot about it. That is, until I attended this weekend's home baseball series against Mercer.

I've made little cracks to my friends in the past about the lousy music that is played between innings, but it wasn't until I read Blender's list that I realized we play some awesomely bad music. Every home game, we're treated to pop disasters like the Rednex "Cotton Eye Joe" (No. 42 on the list) and during Saturday's doubleheader I'm pretty sure we got a taste of the entire Beverly Hills Cop soundtrack.

Even right fielder Drake Wade approaches the plate with Blender's No. 5 awesomely bad song, Vanilla Ice's ode to slap bracelets and tight perms, "Ice Ice Baby."

There are two things that I know are certain in life: Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey's marriage has a shelf-life of three years and baseball on any level should always have good music.

We need to gear the music at Jay Bergman Field to reflect the teams that we are playing. Think of how great it would be. Stetson would come to town and we could blast Dido's "White Flag." Or maybe that's our song for when we play USF, but I'm not sure.

Either way, we need to step it up, because Glenn Frey and Kenny Loggins weren't cool in the 1980s and they sure as hell aren't cool on a baseball field. I'd rather be tied to a chair and be forced to watch "You Got Served" while Keanu Reeves reads me the Yellow Pages than put up with any more "The Heat is On."

Here's my suggestion: If we follow these three simple rules, then our music problems will be over.

First, stop catering to a family atmosphere. What's worse than losing a game to Mercer? Losing a game to Mercer while seven toddlers run around yelling about their bag of M&M's. I like my baseball games like I like my women - fast and with as few children as possible. Instead of playing happy, upbeat pop songs, let's play rhythmless death metal or hardcore gangster rap.

Second, songs must be intimidating. David Mann has it right when it comes to his approach music. He steps to the plate with Disturbed blasting on the sound system. But if you're going to walk to the plate with Slipknot cranked up then you need to back it up. Start slamming your bat against your head. Sure some brain cells might disappear, but that's what college is all about. And the pitcher won't throw anything near you. Trust me.

Third, and most importantly, it's all about fueling the fires of rivalries. If we're playing USF, we need to blast the B-Rock and the Bizz classic "My Baby Daddy." If we're playing Stetson we need to shower the Hatters with Beck's "Loser." If we're playing the University of Miami, we crank up "Jailhouse Rock." I could go on for days here, but I think my point is made.

Music and baseball go hand in hand.

And nowhere in either of those hands is a Chumbawamba CD.

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# A-SUN CHAMPS

## Fox returns to form as Knights take two from Mercer

ASHLEY BURNS  
Sports Editor

UCF baseball's pitching has been downright devastating.

Heading into last weekend's conference series with Mercer, the Knights were the fourth-best pitching team in the country, behind regular national powerhouses Rice, Texas and Long Beach State.

By numbers alone, the Knights (39-12, 21-6 A-Sun) should have had three easy wins against Mercer, however the Bears came to Jay Bergman Field with other plans as they managed to sneak away with a win against conference-leading UCF. The Knights won the series 2-1.

Owner of the second-worst record in the Atlantic Sun Conference, Mercer (19-32, 8-19 A-Sun) fell victim to a combination of rainy Orlando weather and UCF ace Matt Fox in game one Friday night. Fox dominated Mercer, allowing just one hit in five innings of work.

Fox might have stayed in the game for a few more innings had his offense not kept him on the



Left fielder Dee Brown leads the Knights with a .377 batting average season. Brown also is first for UCF with four home runs and 52 RBIs.

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## Gators disappoint men's tennis yet again

### The Knights were shut out once more in NCAA Regionals

ASHLEY BURNS  
Sports Editor

Men's tennis knew that they'd experience something at the NCAA Regionals this past weekend. They wanted to experience a victory.

What they ended up experiencing was déjà vu.

For the second consecutive season, the UCF men's tennis team traveled to Gainesville for the NCAA Regionals, and for the second consecutive season the

Knights faced the Florida Gators.

The No. 8 Gators swept the Knights 4-0 on Saturday, repeating the same 4-0 sweep they handed UCF last year.

"It's intimidating playing the eighth-ranked team," UCF senior Rhett Rosen said. "But of any of the high teams that we could have played we wanted them. The score doesn't show it, but these games were close."

UCF (15-9) started the day with doubles action as Florida's duo of Hamid Mirzadeh and Chris Brandi disposed of UCF's Catalin Bradu and Antonio Sierra 8-1. Rosen and teammate Gabriel Strangberg played strong against their UF opponents Stefan Tell and Jordan

Senior Rhett Rosen and doubles partner Gabriel Strangberg (not pictured) battled hard against Florida duo Stefan Tell and Jordan Dolberg, but eventually fell 8-4 on Saturday at the NCAA Regionals.



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UCF baseball starters batting more than .300 this season.

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UCF baseball starting pitchers with ERAs less than 2.40.

35

Stolen bases by UCF center fielder Clay Timmer.

36

Stolen bases by A-Sun leader Larry Best-Berfet with three games remaining.

### Briefs

The women's rowing team turned in a 16th-place performance at the Lexus South/Central Sprints this weekend. The Knights tallied a final score of 118 points, while eventual winner Virginia posted 404 points to take the title. The Varsity 4+ squad finished highest with a third-place run in the "B" finals.

### Upcoming

Baseball closes out a two-game series tonight against Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind., then heads to Atlanta on Friday for a three-game series at Georgia State ... Men's golf tees off at the NCAA West Regional in Sunriver, Ore., Friday ... Women's track and field heads to the NCAA Regionals next Friday in Gainesville

### Quotables

"He didn't eat a very good breakfast. I know that sounds ridiculous, but you never know what you're going to get with college guys."

— UCF BASEBALL PITCHING COACH CRAIG COZART ON KYLE BONO'S PERFORMANCE SATURDAY

"UCF was a quality opponent that really pushed us."

— UCF MEN'S TENNIS COACH ANDY JACKSON ON THE NCAA REGIONAL

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# Newlin remains undefeated with Mercer win

FROM A7

bench so long.

UCF scored 10 runs in the first three innings of game one, while only managing seven hits. The Knights abused Mercer pitcher Philip Morrison, scoring 11 runs on eight hits in only four innings. Morrison (3-10) didn't help his own cause as only seven of the 11 runs were earned. Morrison threw two wild pitches, hitting two batters, while his infield allowed two errors.

Freshman second baseman Matt Ray led the way offensively for the Knights in game one. Ray was 2-for-2 at the plate with two RBIs and three runs scored. Ray also walked twice. First baseman Ryan Bono and left fielder Dee Brown also kicked in with two RBIs each.

Fox improved to 11-2 this year, after dropping two in a row to Troy State and Clemson. The five shutout innings also dropped Fox's ERA down to 2.02.

"This time of year if you can get a guy out with a low pitch count that's only going to help him maintain his strength as the year goes on," UCF Pitching Coach Craig Cozart said of Fox. "We need him to be healthy and fully ready come tournament time and we're heading in that direction."

Sophomore pitcher Kyle Bono didn't fare as well in game one of Saturday's doubleheader. Entering the game, Bono led the nation with a 1.20 ERA. Mercer jumped all over the shaky Bono early, as the Bears put up three runs on four hits in the top half of the second inning.

"It was a tough weekend and a tough day," UCF Coach Jay Bergman said. "It's just one of those things. We gutted it up enough to win and that was



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Designated hitter David Mann, one of only two seniors on this year's team, takes advantage of a sleeping Mercer defense as escapes a rundown in game one Saturday. Mann was 1-for-2 with two walks in his final home series at UCF.

about it. It happens to everybody, but it's a good thing to get out of your system too."

Mercer shortstop Roger Alvarez hit a two-run single to spark the Bears' offense. Alvarez later scored on a throwing error by UCF third baseman Jon Cooper. Mercer topped the Knights 6-0 in game one, marking only the second time this season that UCF was shutout.

Bono's record fell to 8-1, but

his ERA only dropped to 1.45, still good enough for fourth in the nation. UCF finished the weekend fifth in the country, with a 2.89 team ERA.

Junior Darren Newlin continued his strong season on the mound in game two, as the Knights rallied for an 8-5 victory and the series win.

Newlin's victory keeps the right-hander undefeated on the year with a 4-0 record. Once again errors stung the Knights'

pitchers as Mercer scored three runs on Newlin. Only one of the runs was earned.

Brown and center fielder Clay Timpner combined for five hits and five RBIs in game three, while shortstop Chandler Rose was 1-for-2 at the plate with two runs scored.

With the series win and a 9-4 Georgia State victory over Florida Atlantic, the Knights clinched at least a share of the regular season title. After

tonight's second game at No. 5 Notre Dame, UCF heads to Atlanta to face GSU in the last series of the regular season.

"Obviously that [Mercer] loss hurt us but we can't let that worry us," Bergman said. "I think you've got to win out, but I don't know. We've just got to keep winning as many games as possible."

Georgia State (18-32, 11-16 A-Sun) is currently in eighth place in the A-Sun and would

need to sweep UCF and pray for losses by Troy State, Campbell and Belmont to somehow sneak into the A-Sun tournament. While their hopes are bleak, the Panthers would like to think that an upset isn't unlikely.

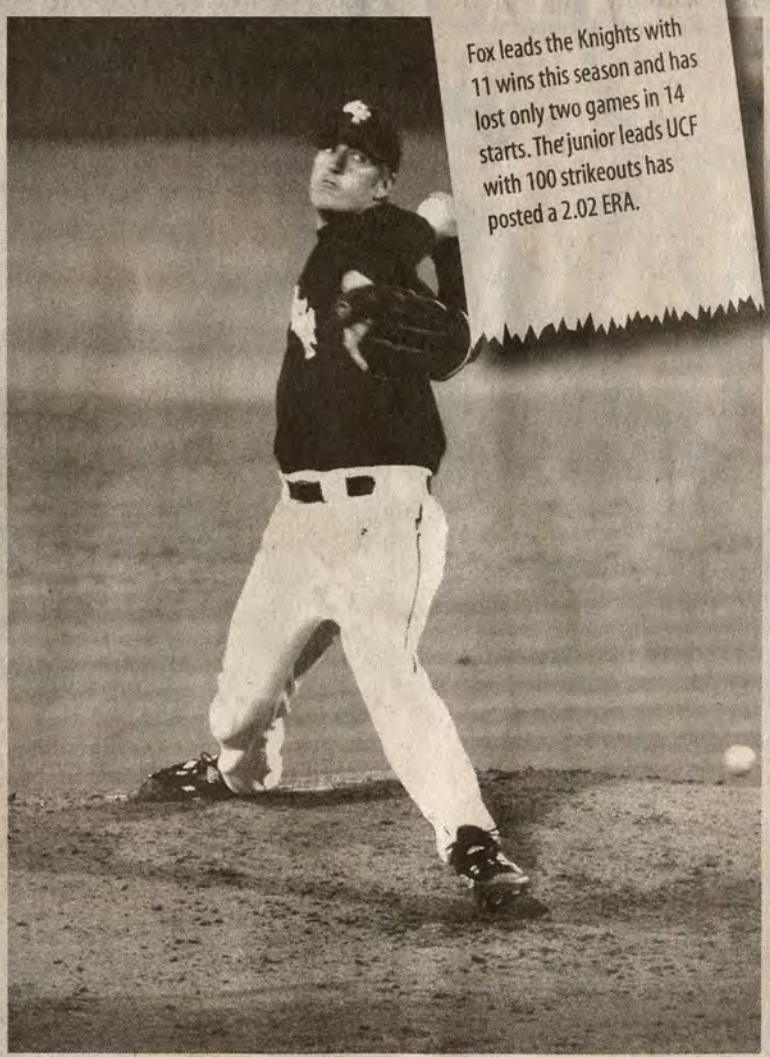
UCF, on the other hand, needs only one win against GSU to clinch sole possession of the A-Sun regular season title and the No. 1 seed in next weekend's A-Sun tournament.

## Leading the way | The nation's fifth-best ERA helps grab the A-Sun title



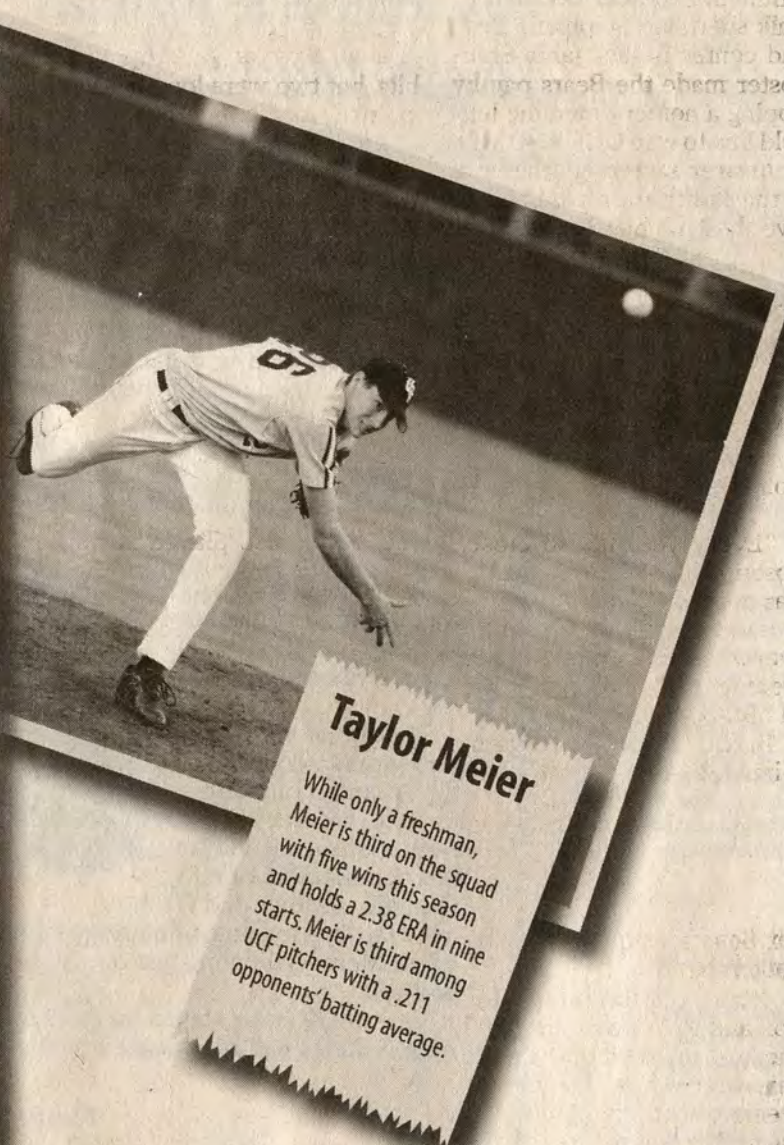
### Kyle Bono

Bono has started 13 games this season and has climbed to an 8-1 record. Bono leads UCF's starters with a 1.45 ERA and is second with 98 strikeouts.



### Matt Fox

Fox leads the Knights with 11 wins this season and has lost only two games in 14 starts. The junior leads UCF with 100 strikeouts and has posted a 2.02 ERA.



### Taylor Meier

While only a freshman, Meier is third on the squad with five wins this season and holds a 2.38 ERA in nine starts. Meier is third among UCF pitchers with a .211 opponents' batting average.

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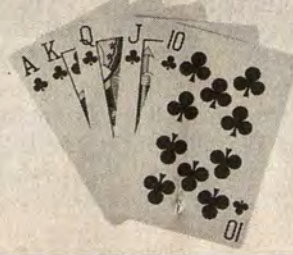
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# Sawyer near-perfect in finale

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heart out in her best performance of the season."

Luers-Gillispie turned to Lindsay Enders out of the bullpen, and Enders struck out designated player Jessica Braggins for the second out. However Enders could not get left fielder Jenn Piazza, who walked on five pitches to end the game.

Shinhoster and Catcher Jen Whitley were named to the all-tournament team. Whitley had two hits against FAU, and it was the second straight season that Whitley has been on the all-tournament team.

"Jen works so hard behind the plate," Sawyer said. "I have complete trust in the game and each pitch that she calls."

"Janina thrives in the clutch situations," Luers-Gillispie said. "She loves it when opponents walk Stephanie [Best] to get to her."

The Knights did not get one of the 37 at-large berths for the NCAA regionals. Year three of the program ends with 42 victories, and the best regular-season finish in Atlantic Sun Conference play.

Next season the out-of-conference schedule will be tougher than ever, as UCF will go up against national powers from the PAC-10.

"We need this type of a schedule," Luers-Gillispie said. "It will prepare us for the next step."

The Knights have a solid nucleus returning that includes the entire infield along with two of the three pitchers and outfielders.

"This team has a great future," Schmidt said. "And I expect this squad to do it next year the easy way, winning the tournament."

## UCF 5, Mercer 2

The Knights opened the A-Sun tournament jumping on the Bears early in the bottom of the first. Left fielder Cici Alvarez reached on a single, and got to second on an error. Alvarez advanced to third on a bunt by third baseman Bryttani Lindheim. Mercer decided to walk shortstop Stephanie Best, and center fielder Jania Shinhoster made the Bears pay by ripping a homer down the left-field line to give UCF a 3-0 lead.

Alvarez scored another run in the fourth on a pass ball to give the Knights a 4-0 advan-



Catcher Jen Whitley provided two of the Knights' three hits in their 1-0 loss to Florida Atlantic in the A-Sun championship game Saturday.

tage.

Pitcher Lindsay Enders threw another complete game with six strikeouts, and improved to 20-8 on the season. Enders is the second pitcher to reach the 20-win plateau. The only hiccup that Enders had was a two-run homer to left fielder Kerri Ryskamp.

## UCF 5, Troy 2

The Knights stayed undefeated in the tournament, and avenged a doubleheader sweep earlier in the year to the Trojans.

UCF took it to Troy early scoring a run in the first. Designated player Amber Lamb singled to left field on the first pitch of the game. The Trojans walked shortstop Stephanie Best, and again center fielder Jania Shinhoster made the opposition pay going up the middle with a RBI single.

The Knights continued the offensive assault in the second as catcher Jen Whitley popped a RBI double in her first at-bat of the tournament to make it 2-0. Whitley scored to push the lead to 3-0 on Lamb's second single of the day.

UCF put the game away in the third, posting two more runs, and pitcher Taylor Sawyer picked up her 11th win of the season. Sawyer gave up four hits, but two were long balls to open the fourth and fifth inning.

Pitcher Kelly McIntyre went the rest of the way, striking out two batters in three innings of relief.

## FAU 7 UCF 0

The Owls continued to have the Knights' number this season, and shutout UCF for the third time this season. FAU jumped out early, manufacturing a run in the first as designated player Jessica Braggins singled home third baseman Jessica Sachs.

Two errors on the UCF infield and a pass ball allowed FAU to break the game open in the second as the Owls extended the lead to 4-0.

FAU tacked on one more run in the seventh as pitcher Candice Freel scored on an error by third baseman Bryttani Lindheim.

The loss was the first for UCF in the tournament, and dropped the Knights to the losers bracket final against Stetson.

## UCF 2 Stetson 1

The Knights advanced to the championship game taking it to their I-4 rivals for the third time this season. After five scoreless innings, UCF got on the board with two outs in the sixth as center fielder Jania Shinhoster rocketed a double off the center field fence plating left fielder Cici Alvarez and shortstop Stephanie Best.

The Hatters would not go down without a fight, responding in the bottom of the frame. Rightfielder Sheri Lynn Wilder singled to right, scoring first baseman Lacey Prince and spoiling pitcher

Kelly McIntyre's shutout.

Stetson had a chance to tie in the seventh, but catcher Jen Whitley threw out left fielder Brittani Houghton trying to steal second base. Houghton led the A-Sun with 39 stolen bases and had only been caught nine times all season.

# Gators end men's winning streak

FROM A7

Dolberg but eventually fell 8-4.

"Every year it's so close," Rosen said. "We thought this was our year. We trained harder and we worked harder. It's overwhelming playing up there with all of those fans and all of the noise."

Bradru faced off against Mirzadeh in singles action, but

the former Atlantic Sun "Player of the Year" wasn't enough for the 12th-ranked Mirzadeh, who took a 6-4, 6-2 victory. Joel Allen also played strong in singles against Florida's Chris Brandi, however Allen eventually lost 6-3, 6-2.

The loss to Florida halted the Knights' 10-game winning streak, including UCF's run through the A-Sun tournament, which resulted in the

second-straight conference championship. The Knights say goodbye to seniors Bradru and Strangberg, but Rosen insists that next year could finally be the year that the Knights topple the Gators.

Said Rosen: "It's a devastating loss, but with the guys we have coming in and the guys we have coming back, everyone is pretty pumped about next year."

## FROM THE SPORTS DESK

### Fox, Bono among nation's best

It's been no secret that Matt Fox and Kyle Bono are two of the best pitchers in the nation this year. Over the past few weeks both pitchers have earned recognition for their breakout seasons as they have been named to a number of national award watch lists.

Most recently, Fox was named to the Dick Howser Trophy semifinalist list. The Howser trophy is awarded by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers of America and recognizes the top player in college baseball. Among the 30 semifinalists are Fox, Long Beach State pitcher Jered Weaver, LSU's Jon Zeringue and Rice's Wade Townsend.

Previous winners of the Howser Trophy include Chicago Cubs pitcher Mark Prior, Atlanta Braves outfielder J.D. Drew and Colorado Rockies slugger Todd Helton.

Fox was also named to the Golden Spikes Award watch list by USA Today, which recognizes the nation's top player as well. Fox joins Bono on the list, as Bono was added after his defeat of Clemson last week. Previous winners of the Golden Spike Award include

Philadelphia Phillies outfielder Pat Burrell, Prior and Drew.

Fox was also nominated for the Roger Clemens Award earlier in the season. The Clemens Award is given to the nation's top pitcher each year. This is the first year the award will be given.

### Men's golf readies for NCAA Regionals

Men's golf will tee off this week in Sunriver, Ore., in the first round of NCAA regional action. The Knights are coming off their first Atlantic Sun Conference championship in eight years. Led by senior Barry Roof, the Knights earned a No. 14-seed in the 27-team field. UCF is one of only a handful of east-coast schools competing in this PAC-10-heavy regional. Included in the tournament are No. 1-seed UCLA, Arizona, Arizona State, USC and Washington.

Roof took a few extra swings on the links Monday as he competed in the U.S. Open local qualifier at Metrowest Country Club. Roof tied UCF teammate Jonathan Fransson for first overall with a score of -5. Both qualified for the U.S. Open sectional qualifying round.

### Former UCF golfer falls short in Texas

While his school records were broken only a few months ago by Barry Roof, PGA pro Robert Damron might be the best golfer to ever wear the black and gold.

Damron, who played at UCF from 1991-94, made his competition sweat this past weekend at the EDS Byron Nelson Championship as he forced a three-way playoff after finishing the final round -10. Damron's score tied him with Sergio Garcia and Dudley Hart.

Damron's final-round score of 66 was the second-best on Sunday, however it was the first playoff hole that really mattered. Hart fell apart on the first playoff hole, as a bad drive led to a double bogey. Damron gave the win to Garcia when he rushed a four-foot par putt and ended with a bogey. Garcia won the hole and the \$1.04 million prize with a tap-in par putt.

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## OUR STANCE

# Another year, another increase?

With little notice or coverage, UCF President John Hitt has had another raise. Hitt will now receive another \$15,000 added to his \$295,000 yearly paycheck.

The Board of Trustees snuck the raise through at the last minute. The item did not appear on the agendas that were mailed out to the board members or available to the general public. Instead, the item only appeared on the agenda handed out at the meeting.

UCF officials, however, said they notified media organizations of the addition on May 11, though neither the *Future* nor the *Orlando Sentinel* got the message.

No one is necessarily opposed to a raise for Hitt. The man works hard and has been putting in the hours for the good of UCF all over the state. This year, UCF received the highest increase of all the public universities in the state of Florida from the state budget due, in part, to Hitt's personal lobbying. Hitt also went up to Tallahassee to defend his Master Plan, and even negotiated with petitioners to come to an amicable conclusion.

Additionally, UCF has a yearly compensation and assessment evaluation where the members of the Board of Trustees judges how Hitt has

done in the last year. The members scored Hitt as "outstanding" in all categories except fund raising, where they rated him "above satisfactory."

The committee that recommended the raise met the week before the meeting, which is why the issue didn't make it onto the first draft of the agenda. According to an *Orlando Sentinel* report, UCF Trustee Tom Yochum said that the committee wasn't sure if the research justifying the increase would be ready for the last Thursday's meeting.

However, the fact remains that students, faculty and other interested parties who would want to know about the raise couldn't find out about it unless they attended the meeting.

In a time when the state legislature is demanding a 7.5 percent tuition increase for all students attending public colleges in Florida, it's irresponsible to push through a raise for a university president. Hitt's salary, now back up to being the fourth highest of the 11 State University System presidents' with his now \$311,220 a year, is paid for by the taxpayers of Florida.

For all university presidents, the state will pay a salary up to \$225,000 meaning that more than \$90,000 of Hitt's salary comes from private funds. If the state limits the amount they'll

pay for a university president, they've made a decision that the cap is an adequate salary for each president.

One of the reasons given for the pay raise was to make sure UCF didn't lose Hitt. That was one of the reasons for Hitt's surprising \$93,000 raise two years ago as well.

Yet, if Hitt didn't leave UCF two years ago when he was, as judged by an outside appraiser, grossly underpaid — at only \$202,000 a year — why would he leave now with a paycheck of one-third more?

The fact is, yes, Hitt was probably deserving of a raise after a year of hard work and dedication to UCF. However, the way the trustees put the raise through to make it official certainly makes the whole situation seem suspicious. If trustees would have put the intentions to raise Hitt's salary on the original agenda, the idea could have easily been glossed over.

When considering any other raises — for faculty or administrators — the Board of Trustees should make every effort to make sure interested parties have access to the information before it's voted on. The UCF community deserves to know what's going on with their money, and it is the duty of the trustees to alert them in a timely fashion.



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## READER VIEWS

## Outraged at lack thereof

After viewing the horrible images of Nick Berg, the American decapitated in Iraq, I am outraged at the lack of outrage from my fellow students at UCF. I believe this video should be viewed by everyone and taken as a wake-up call to what American forces are fighting against in the Middle East.

To my feminist friends, I say: Look at how women are treated in the Middle East — burn as many bras as you wish; they will, in turn, burn you. To my gay friends I say: Protest all you want; you are seen as perverse to the nations of Islam and you, too, would be hung or worse. To my Jewish, Christian, Buddhist and pagan friends, I say: Tolerance is a foreign word to these practitioners of the "religion of peace." Ideology has no place here because if you are non-Muslim, they hate you equally!

Nick Berg was a 26-year-old Jewish entrepreneur who went to Iraq to help build their infrastructure. I did not know him personally, but I mourn for him nonetheless. How many of us would not hesitate to go and help improve a country that is in desperate need of rebuilding? Berg's only crime was being a Jewish-American. Where is the outrage? All we hear about is the prison abuse scandal; on and on the media rants. I would like to point out that while there is no justification for this type of abuse, naked men with panties on their heads do NOT compare to a young man having his head sawed off by a rusty knife while onlookers chant "praise Allah." Wake up, people.

— CHRISTINA MOREJON

## Article has no vision for peace

Just when I thought the mindless dribble was over, I open up the May 12 issue of the *Future* to find another piece by visiting math professor William Martin ["Drive them out," Reader Views]. Yes indeed I said math, not political science or Middle Eastern studies.

Martin obviously has no vision for the future, and certainly no vision for peace between Israelis and Palestinians. He is so fixated on the past and is going nowhere. While many of the younger generations on both sides desperately want peace and are willing to work and compromise to achieve it, people like Martin want nothing to do with this. Martin's rhetoric distorts past events, while making no clear points.

For every single incident Martin brings up of an Israeli soldier shooting a Palestinian in the past, I can bring up an incident of a Palestinian suicide bomber leaving dozens of innocent civilians blown to pieces and limbless for the rest of their lives. But where is this going? Where is Martin's vision for the future, or even discussion of peace?

William Martin, like Palestinian terrorists, has no plan for peace, and certainly no desire for peace. They are fixated on past events, too weak to say what can we do for the future. Why is Martin not discussing how we can resolve the conflict and offering possible solutions? It is because he has none, and should keep his overkill of rhetoric to himself.

— NOAH SAPOSNIK

## Separation of church and state

Christianity is not "forced" on anyone. The root of Christianity is one's personal acceptance of Salvation through Jesus Christ. In the Christian Bible Jesus tells us specifically that God doesn't put anything here to force us to come to him. Love is not worth anything if not given by choice.

Why wouldn't the U.S. government be able to post "God Bless America"? It's all the totally disrespectful youths of today that are against supporting something the very founders of the country based the whole government on in the first place. It's in the pledge, declaration, and on every piece of American currency circulating. If one is not for God and government then one is not American!

The only ones who do not want to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ are those ignorant of the teachings themselves. All he teaches is fair, just, loving, kind, generous, and plainly everything good for all mankind. Show me something that he taught that was bad for all mankind.

Besides, the government also doesn't have to support Atheism. Wouldn't that be correct too? I don't understand the problem. Just because the government says "God Bless America" doesn't mean you are forced to believe. I can't wait until the ways of this age destroy themselves, because that's where this society and government are going. Then what?

Look in the Bible.

— BARRY OKE

## OUR STANCE

# Transsexual athletes may hold advantage

The Olympics are well-known for their strict intolerance of nearly all performance-enhancing substances. In the past, athletes have been disqualified from competing in the games simply because they chose the wrong brand of cough syrup and tested positive for trace amounts of certain chemicals.

Thus, the International Olympic Committee delivered a real shocker Thursday when it announced that it would allow transsexual athletes to begin competing in the games — beginning as early as this summer when the Summer Olympics take place in Athens, Greece.

Newly formed athletes would compete against fellow athletes of their new gender.

Seemingly, this would clear the way for steroid chugging home run sluggers to begin popping softballs over the fence if they so chose — and are willing to go under the knife. Of course, there are stipulations.

In order to be eligible, transsexual athletes must have completed at least two years of post-operative hormone therapy and their new gender must have been legally recognized.

According to IOC officials, that would allow enough time for inherent hormones to reach a level similar to those of fellow athletes of the same gender.

They believe that this would eliminate any chance of a transsexual retaining a physical advantage over his opponents.

All frankness aside, but there seems to be some sort of disconnect here. While your average women athlete would be immediately disqualified if she consumed the vast amount of testosterone fueling steroids that a newly made woman-to-man transsexual would need, a woman who chose to undergo surgery to become a man would not face those same restrictions.

In the same way, wouldn't a man who had become a woman still maintain a distinct physical advantage over his new opponents? It's safe to say that Shaquille O'Neal would dominate over most WNBA centers — no matter the amount of hormones he was fed.

Of course, before inviting the ire of fans and proponents of women's sports, one thing should be clear. No one is degrading the talent and skill of women athletes. One can say with absolute certainty that most *Future* staffers would be soundly beaten by any professional athlete in any sport.

However, the fact remains that there are proven physical differences between men and women. Men have greater heart and lung capacity and greater muscle-to-fat ratios than women. This gives them an

advantage.

IOC officials expect these advantages to decrease with the hormonal therapy that follows an operation, but who's to say to what extent in every case. If they are right in 99 out of 100 cases, does that justify the one time they leave a man-made super athlete on the field?

The situation is even more bizarre because just four years ago the IOC conducted gender tests to ensure a level playing field for its athletes.

So what is going on? Is this a case of political correctness going one step too far, or is this simply a case of the rules catching up with the times? Each side has an argument.

Certainly it isn't fair that men who choose to become women and women who choose to become men have been barred from the Olympics up to this point. However, is it then fair to continue to bar women from competing against men? Honestly, what is the message the IOC is sending?

In their rush to appear inclusive, the IOC has lost touch with its very purpose — to allow athletes to compete to the best of their natural abilities.

If there are enough transsexuals clambering to compete, then by all means let them — but don't do it in a way that compromises the spirit of the games.

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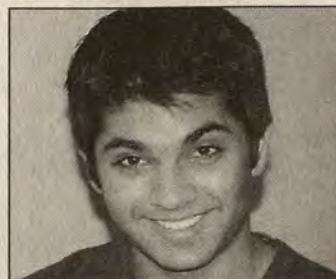
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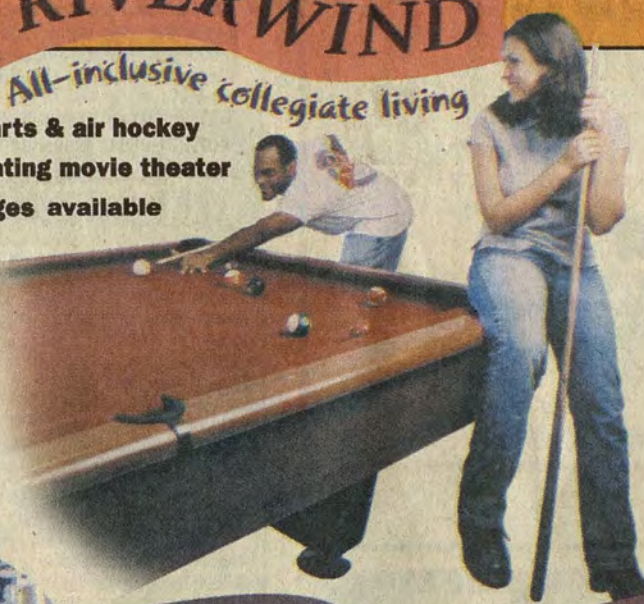
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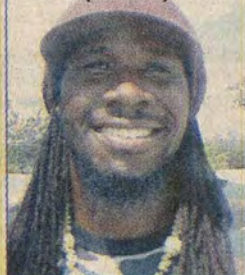


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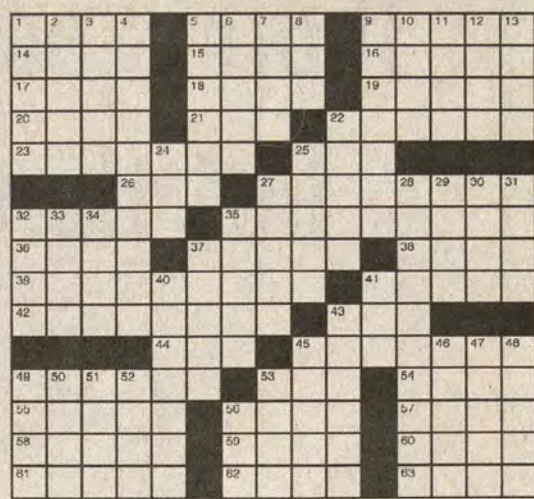
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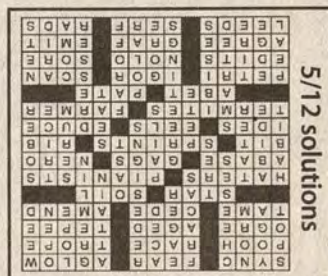
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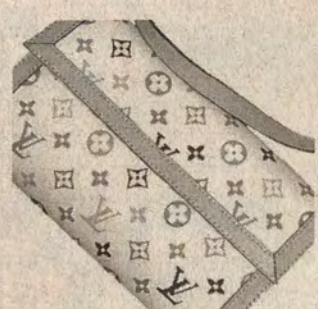
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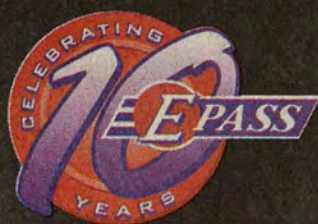
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